

**REQUEST FOR A RULING ON THE QUESTION OF THE
TYPE SPECIES OF "ANCILLA" LAMARCK, 1799 (CLASS
GASTROPODA)**

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Ancilla was proposed by Lamarck, 1799, *Mém. Soc. Hist. nat. Paris* **1**: 70. Following the description of the genus is "Volute . . . Martini conch. 2, p. 359, t. 65, f. 722-724."

The species is not cited by name by Lamarck, but it had been named by Gmelin, 1792, in Linnaeus, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 13) **6**: 3467, *Voluta ampla* . . . Volute . . . Martini 2, t. 65, fig. 722-724 (the same reference as that of Lamarck). The species is still regarded as valid.

Does not the type species of *Ancilla* Lamarck, 1799 then become *Voluta ampla* Gmelin, 1792, by monotypy?

**ON THE TYPE SPECIES OF "ANCILLA" LAMARCK, 1799
(CLASS GASTROPODA), A GENUS ESTABLISHED WITH
NO CITED NOMINAL SPECIES**

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When in 1937 Mrs. Katherine Palmer submitted her application to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature for a ruling on the question of the type species of the genus *Ancilla* Lamarck, 1799, there existed no express provision in the *Règles* on the procedure to be followed in determining the type species of a genus, to which species had been referred by the original author of the generic name but none of those species had on that occasion been cited under a binominal name. The only guide then available